(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL propose to float a global tender shortly for adding 60 million GSM lines at a cost of over Rs. 20,400 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with details of features proposed to be added to the GSM service by BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of Cellular Mobile Telephone lines (GSM lines) provided by both Private Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as on 30.6.2005 is 44.92 million in the country. Currently more than one million subscribers are being added every month. However, it is difficult to estimate the anticipated growth in GSM lines during next three years.

(c) and (d) BSNL is considering to float a tender for expansion of its Cellular network by around 40 million lines over a period of next two year to include latest state of art network offering third generation services. The cost of project is expected to be around Rs. 13600 crores and the detailed technical specifications are under finalization and expected to include the features like video streaming, video down loading and online games etc.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Jammu

2550. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS **AND** INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the persons in the waiting list for telephone connections particularly in Tehsil R.S. Pura under Jammu Telecom Circle for the last three years, Year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the people living in R.S. Pura, Bishna, Kathua, Gangyal, who have deposited money for telephone connections for several years ago, are on waitlist as on date;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of people whose names are recommended by Member of Parliament's discretionary quota but telephone connection are not installed till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Year-wise details of No. of applicants is waiting list for telephone connections in different exchanges of R.S. Pura Tehsil are given as under:

Name of Exchange in Tehsil R.S. Pura	Year-wise Waiting List						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
R.S. Pura	5	20	203	182	225	142	777
Arnia	0	0	14	30	31	86	161
Dablehar	0	4	90	123	98	40	355
Miransahib	3	6	66	122	413	149	759
Chakroi	0	3	24	33	71	31	162

(b) Details of waiting list are as under:

(1) R.S. Pura = 777 (Date of oldest pending pending W/L = 12.10.2000)

(2) Bishnah = 430 (Date of oldest pending pending W/L = 27.09.2000)

(3) Kathua = 581 (Date of oldest pending pending W/L = 08.03.2001)

(4) Gangyal = 110 (Date of oldest pending pending W/L=23.06.2005)

(c) Provision of new telephone connections to the waitlisted applicants are pending as most of the cases are from scattered rural areas beyond 5 Kms, from the nearest telephone exchange and WLL capacity is also not available to provide connections on wireless technology. However, BSNL has planned large scale deployment of WLL in the Year 2005-06 to clear the waiting list progressively.

(d) Details of number of people whose name has been recommended

by Hon'ble Member of Parliament's discretionery quota during last five years are given below:

Year	Total O/O/T Connections Provided	Total Connections Provided	Pending Cases
2001	932	917	15
2002	814	779	35
2003	777	640	137
2004	1174	738	436
2005	543	103	440
TOTAL	4240	3177	1063

E-Post Offices

2551. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up one-in- all e-post offices with the state-of-the-art technology including ATM facility and retail sale of phones, software and hardwares on cheaper prices in every districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details also on modernization process of post offices in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for one-in-all e-post offices at present. The Department of Posts has, however, introduced serveral e-enabled services such as e-Post and e-Bill Post. The case for providing ATM facility in Post Offices is only at a conceptual stage. There is no proposal for retail sale of phones, software and hardware at cheaper prices through Post Offices in the districts on an all India basis.

(c) Department of Posts is currently implementing the Tenth Plan project for computerization of 7700 large Post Offices all over the country. Further,